

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A microphone comprising:  
a color display which is visible from the outside and which signals multiple parameters ~~the~~  
~~ready status~~ of the microphone; and  
a switching device being provided for switching the color of the display.
2. (Original) The microphone according to claim 1, wherein the microphone has multicolored LED elements, wherein the LED lights can be controlled by said switching device in such a way that only a desired color is visible from the outside.
3. (Original) The microphone according to claim 1, wherein illumination which emits white light is provided in the microphone, wherein the illumination is covered by a rotatable disk in which windows of different colors are formed.
4. (Original) The microphone according to claim 2, wherein LED illumination is pulsed and information can be transmitted by way of the illumination and evaluated automatically by a studio TV camera system.
5. (Original) The microphone according to claim 3, wherein the LED illumination is pulsed and information can be transmitted by way of the illumination and evaluated automatically by a studio TV camera system.